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*And lately, by the Tavern Door agape,
Came Shining through the Dusk an Angel Shape
Bearing a Vessel on his Shoulder; and
He bid me taste of it; and 'twas — The Grape!*

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BLESSED is he who thirsts for
God; he shall surely drink
the Wine of Christ.

Blessed is he who knoweth Me,
though veiled with many forms;
verily he knoweth.

Blessed are they whom I have
called; verily they shall partake of the
Mysteries.

Blessed are they who hearing have
renounced; verily they shall inherit
the Kingdom.

Blessed are they who for My sake
are bereft of all; verily they shall
be crowned.

Blessed is he who in My service is as an outcast among men; verily he shall sit upon a King's throne.

Blessed are they who give their earthly treasure for My work; verily they shall receive the treasure of Heaven.

Blessed is he who seeth the invisible in the visible; verily he seeth.

Blessed is he who walketh in darkness seeking light; verily shall his feet be guided.

Blessed is he who humbleth himself before God; verily shall he find the heart of Truth.

Blessed is he who is empty of self; for he shall be filled with the knowledge of God.

Blessed is he who, comprehending
Light, yet remaineth in darkness,
guiding the feet of the unawakened.

Blessed is he who hath renounced;
verily to him belongeth all the
treasure of Earth and Heaven.

Blessed is he who poureth out
his treasure before the Lord; verily
with joy shall his life be crowned.

Blessed is he whose face is ever
toward Me; verily he seeth no evil.

Blessed is he whose heart is lonely
for My sake; verily I abide with him.

Blessed is he who carrieth the
Water of Life to the parched and
fainting; verily he shall never thirst.

Blessed is he who showeth a light
in the deep darkness; verily his feet
shall never stumble.

Blessed is he who hath found Me
in great tribulation; verily his reward
is great.

Blessed is he who keepeth his
robe of purity, yet seeketh Me in
the foulest places; verily he is pure.

Blessed is he who seeketh the face
of his Lord in every face; for he shall
be satisfied.

Blessed is he who heareth the voice
of God in every cry; verily he heareth.

Blessed is he who maketh his
heart the abode of God; verily,
verily he hath peace.

Blessed is he who is dumb before God; verily shall he speak the word of power.

Blessed is he to whom Wisdom speaks; for he is companioned in solitary places.

Blessed are the unsatisfied; for they rest only in God.

Blessed is he who receiveth My teaching in his heart and treasureth it.

Blessed is he who heareth My words in silence and in silence speaketh them again.

Blessed is he who seeketh the heart of My Message, for it is covered by many petals as is the heart of a rose.

Blessed are the Truth-seekers; for their desire shall be satisfied.

Blessed is he who worketh for Me, seeking no results; verily shall his work be blest.

Blessed is he who loveth for love's sake, seeking no return; verily he shall receive love's crown.

Blessed is he who endureth; verily his strength shall be as that of a lion.

Blessed is he who can patiently wait; verily for everything there is a time.

Blessed are the humble of heart; to them shall be shown the greatness of God.

Blessed are they who walk softly
lest they wake those who sleep;
verily they have the understanding
heart.

Blessed is he who soweth My seed
in the darkness; verily it shall mul-
tiply in the light.

Blessed is he who for My sake hath
renounced; verily his treasure no
man taketh away.

Blessed is he who perceiveth My
teaching under many forms; verily
to him is given the light of Truth.

Blessed is he who is an-hungered
for Me; for with the Bread of Life
shall he be satisfied.

Blessed is he who heareth My
Voice in many waters; verily he
shall never drown.

Blessed is he who remembereth his own heart-wound; he shall console the broken and troubled.

Blessed is he whose heart is illumined; he is as a torch in a dark place.

Blessed is he whose faith is immovable; verily to him all things are possible.

Blessed is he who can feel the Presence of God; verily he shall fear no evil.

Blessed is he who seeketh help only from God; verily his feet shall never stray.

Blessed is he who knoweth his own shadow; verily he shall find the light.

Blessed is he who hath seen the great illusion; he shall not be afraid of the terror by night.

Blessed is he who hath conquered fear; for his eyes shall behold the Vision of God.

Blessed are the harmonious; verily they are the makers of peace.

Blessed is he who daily tuneth the strings of his heart; that the Hand of God may bring forth melody.

Blessed are the consolers; for they shall be called the friends of God.

Blessed is he whom silence calls; to him shall be given the mystery of sound.

Blessed is he whose heart hath understanding; verily he shall walk in peace.

Blessed is he whose eyes can behold the Glory of his Lord; he cannot be held by the pleasures of earth.

Blessed is he whose ears are attuned to the Voice of his Lord; verily for him all other sound is stilled.

Blessed is he who understandeth the language of his Lord; verily he is the knower of wisdom.

Blessed are the steadfast in faith; verily they abide in peace.

Blessed is he who treads the balanced path; upon a sure rock have his feet been placed.

Blessed is he whose heart hath the open vision; in the days of tribulation he shall guide the homing souls.

Blessed is he who can steer his boat through the sea of doubt; for of all seas it is the most treacherous.

Blessed is he who can tune his heart to the keynote of his soul; verily he shall hear the voice of God.

Blessed is he whose heart is fixed upon God; in the day of tribulation he shall stand and fall not.

Blessed is he who can rise above earthly desire; verily shall his soul be satisfied.

Blessed are the humble-minded; for theirs is the true exaltation.

Blessed is he who is empty of self; for he has prepared for the birth of Christ.

Blessed are they who have conquered death; for theirs is the life everlasting.

Blessed is he of the generous heart; a thousand-fold shall be his reward.

Blessed is he who cares for the needy; he shall receive the treasure of Heaven.

Blessed is he who seeketh the lonely heart; verily he is companioned by God.

Blessed is he who passes through great tribulation; he alone bindeth the broken heart.

Blessed is he who hath walked through suffering; he also knoweth the way of peace.

Blessed is he in whom self is dead;
he shall be filled with the Life of God.

Blessed is he whose eyes are blind;
verily he shall behold the perfection
of beauty.

Blessed is he whose ears are deaf;
verily he shall hear the perfection
of harmony.

Blessed is he whose lips are dumb;
through him shall be given the
words of life.

Blessed is he whose heart is at-
tuned to the voice of God; verily he
shall transmit His Message.

Blessed is he who heareth My Voice
amid earth's discords; verily he
heareth.

Blessed is he who seeketh Me in the heights and in the depths; verily he seeth.

Verily he is blest whose eyes have seen the Beauty of God.

Verily he is blest who can rest in the thought of God.

Verily he who rests in the thought of God, has peace which passeth all understanding.

Verily only the empty heart can echo the Word of God.

Verily he is twice blest who speaketh of God with closed lips.

Verily of all men he is most blessed, whose eyes are closed to all save God.

